

Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act. His passionate, moving and eloquent testimony helped spur this House to act on that important legislation, which passed this House in May.

Unfortunately, David passed away on July 1, after fighting to overcome the physical and mental wounds left by his attackers for over a year. In this difficult time for David's family and friends, it is important to remember David's admirable courage, warmth and strength.

I would like to give my condolences to all of David Ray Ritcheson's family, friends and loved ones. I also would like to recognize David's life and everything that he accomplished. I commend my friend and colleague, the gentlewoman from Texas, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, for introducing this resolution.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LOI
NGUYEN

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

Mr. WALSH of New York. I rise today in tribute to Loi Nguyen, respected leader of the Syracuse Vietnamese Community. Sadly, Mr. Nguyen passed away on July 8th, 2007, after a long battle with liver complications.

Mr. Nguyen was a true patriot and an exemplary citizen. He fought valiantly alongside U.S. troops in Vietnam as a battalion commander in the South Vietnamese Army, suffering 10 years in a Communist re-education camp for aiding Americans. Along with other South Vietnamese soldiers who helped the U.S., Mr. Nguyen was allowed to immigrate into the United States, and moved to the Syracuse area in 1990. He began to assist refugees from Vietnam and other Southeast Asian nations in learning to drive, find jobs, learn English, and register to vote. He led the Vietnamese Community of Syracuse and the Vietnamese Veterans, and worked tirelessly to build a sense of community and improve conditions in Syracuse's North Side, where many Vietnamese immigrants live. One of his crowning achievements, Mr. Nguyen was instrumental in the development of the Franciscan Vietnamese Freedom Garden, which will serve as a green space for residents of the North Side, and also as a symbol of community.

Mr. Nguyen's leadership, his patriotism, and his concern for others have benefited his community greatly. He fostered a better understanding and sense of community among many different cultures, and reminded us all of the significance of what many of us take for granted—freedom. Loi Nguyen will be missed, but will not be forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF CLYDE AND
LINDA ROGERS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask the attention of the House today to pay recognition to an occasion very dear to me. On July 26, 2007, my mother and

father will mark their 50th wedding anniversary.

Linda Lou Perryman and Clyde Gilbert Rogers were wed by a Justice of the Peace on July 26, 1957, in Crown Point, Indiana. When they moved to Alabama my father worked as a firefighter at the Anniston Army Depot for 25 years and my mother took a job as an inspector at Classie Ribbon Company, where she worked for more than 30 years.

I would like to wish my parents a happy anniversary and thank them for all that they have done for me.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 703 on H.R. 3074, I mistakenly recorded my vote as "aye" when I should have voted "no."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, On rollcall No. 691, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 692, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 693, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 694, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 695, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall No. 696, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 697, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 698, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 699, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 700, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall No. 701, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 702, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 703, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 704, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 705, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall No. 706, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 707, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 708, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall

No. 709, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 710, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall No. 711 I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 712, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 713 I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 714, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 715, I was taking a leave of absence. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, on Monday, July 23, and Tuesday, July 24, I was unavoidably detained due to family medical matters in California and was not present for a number of rollcall votes on those days.

Had I been present I would have voted: "Yea" on rollcall 687, H.R. 404, the Federal Customer Service Enhancement Act.

"Yea" on rollcall 688, H. Res. 553, Mourning the passing of former First Lady, Lady Bird Johnson.

"Yea" on rollcall 689, H. Res. 519, Honoring the life and accomplishments of renowned artist Tom Lea on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

"Yea" on rollcall 690, a Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 558.

"Nay" on rollcall 691, an amendment offered by Representative MICA to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 692, an amendment offered by Representative BACHMANN to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 693, an amendment offered by Representative FLAKE to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 694, an amendment offered by Representative FLAKE to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 695, an amendment offered by Representative CHABOT to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 696, an amendment offered by Representative WESTMORELAND to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 697, an amendment offered by Representative SESSIONS to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 698, an amendment offered by Representative FLAKE to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 699, an amendment offered by Representative FLAKE to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 700, an amendment offered by Representative FLAKE to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 701, an amendment offered by Representative FLAKE to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 702, an amendment offered by Representative FLAKE to H.R. 3074.

"Yea" on rollcall 703, an amendment offered by Representative HASTINGS (Florida) to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 704, an amendment offered by Representative FRELINGHUYSEN to H.R. 3074.

"Nay" on rollcall 705, an amendment offered by Representative HENSARLING to H.R. 3074.